



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whitehall Elementary

Anderson 5

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 499

Principal: Kevin Snow

Superintendent: Betty T. Bagley

Board Chair: Dr. William Mack Burriss

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Below Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Average	Average	Silver	Not Met	N/A

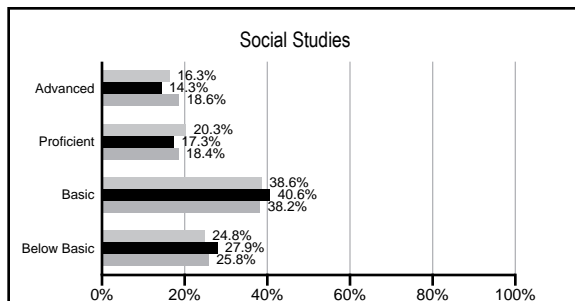
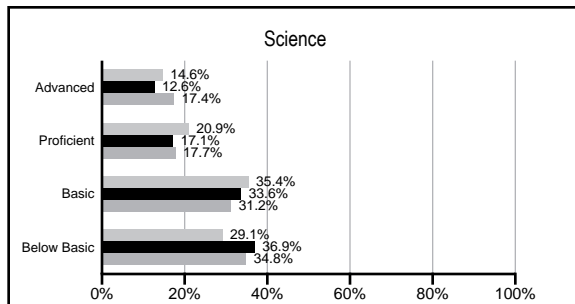
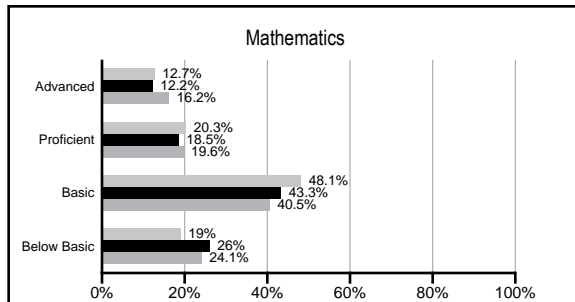
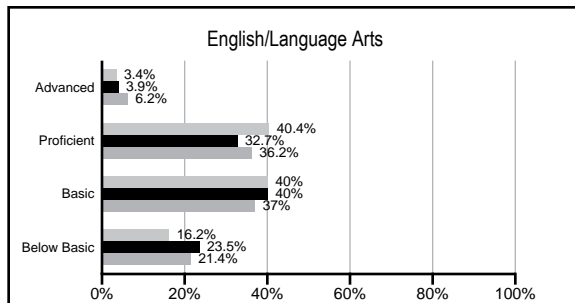
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	34	44	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

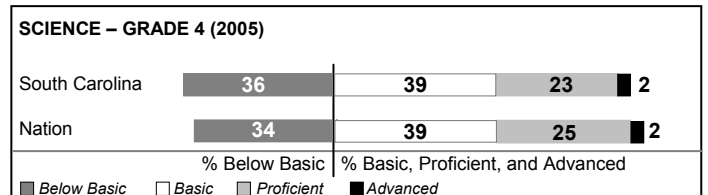
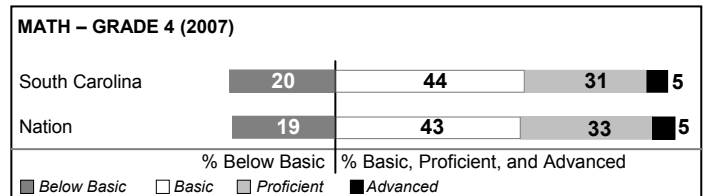
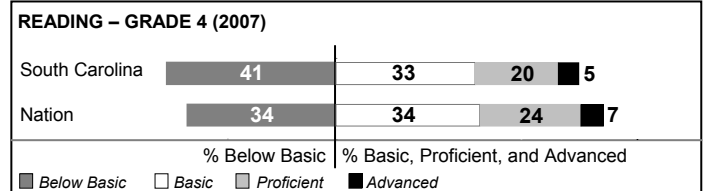
PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

Whitehall Elementary [Anderson 5]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=499)				
Retention rate	4.4%	Up from 2.6%	2.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 96.0%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	5.8%	Down from 7.3%	8.0%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.0%	Up from 11.4%	9.0%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=44)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	40.9%	Up from 39.5%	54.7%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	72.7%	Up from 60.5%	78.2%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.0%	Down from 3.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.4%	Up from 78.4%	86.4%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 91.8%	94.7%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$41,556	Up 2.9%	\$45,033	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.7 to 1	Up from 16.1 to 1	18.4 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 86.5%	88.9%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,203	Down 27.4%	\$7,285	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	69.1%	Up from 65.5%	68.5%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	67.8%	Up from 57.5%	63.5%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	85.7%		81.0%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	46	85	84
Percent satisfied with learning environment	84.8%	98.8%	84.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.1%	95.3%	81.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.6%	97.6%	79.3%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The faculty and staff of Whitehall Elementary School are committed to serving children according to their individual needs and helping them develop to their fullest potential. In addition to a rigorous curriculum, we teach our students to respect their own and other's talents, skills, and cultural backgrounds. During the 2007-2008 year, Whitehall Elementary served 525 students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Whitehall Elementary is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCASI). The school's five-year improvement plan focuses on the following goals: to increase student achievement for all demographic groups based on Similar Schools data and at all levels on PACT; to improve school climate by increasing the level of students' personal and social responsibility, increasing parent involvement, and increasing teacher morale; and to increase the teacher retention rate. In an effort to address these goals, professional development for teachers, curriculum initiatives, and other activities have been implemented.

Whitehall received an index score of 3.2 on the 2007 State Report Card from the State Department of Education (SDE). This is the same score earned over the past three years. Last year, however, the "bar was raised" for all schools. For this reason, the school's Absolute Rating dropped from "Good" to "Average," indicating that the school meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 South Carolina Performance Goal. Whitehall received an Improvement Rating of "Average." The school met 19 out of 21 objectives as defined by the "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB) law. It did not meet "Adequate Yearly Progress" (AYP) as determined by NCLB, because the school must meet 21 out of 21 of its objectives to receive AYP. Despite these changes, the faculty and staff of Whitehall remain committed to its mission of developing responsible, knowledgeable, and ethical students by providing challenging learning opportunities.

This was a year where Whitehall and its students were recognized for a number of achievements. A fifth grade student was recognized in Columbia as the district winner in the Lt. Governor's Writing Contest. Two students were recognized and honored at Clemson University for their entries in the Martin Luther King, Jr. poster contest. A fifth grade student was recognized in Columbia for the Governor's Good Citizenship Award. Whitehall was also recognized for increasing its United Way donations by 30% in its effort to give back to the community. In addition to being an Exemplary Writing School, a Schools of Promise School, and a Red Carpet School, the Whitehall community is proud of this year's achievements.

Whitehall Elementary continues to be a school where "Learning is an Adventure and Character Counts!"

Kevin Snow, Principal
Marcus Brown, SIC Chairperson

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